

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/781,197

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Daniel I. Walsh

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1-6-07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-21 and 53-62.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 5-07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Appeal Brief received on 1-6-07.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Philip Lyren on 5-11-07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Re claim 1, last line: Replace "previously used." with – previously used; wherein the secure document is a secure item of currency --.

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Re claim 3, Replace "claim 2" with – claim 1 --.

Re claim 8: Replace "document" with – item of currency --.

Re claim 10, first line: Replace "currency" with – item of currency --.

Re claim 10, last line: Replace "memory" with – memory; wherein the machine-readable information includes data of plural transaction in which the item of currency was previously used. –

Re claims 11-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 54, 55, 56, and 57-62: Replace “ The currency of” with –
The item of currency of– in each instance.

Re claim 16: Replace “currency” with – item of currency – in every instance.

Re claim 19: Replace “currency” with – item of currency – in each instance.

Re claim 21: Replace “when the currency” with – when the item of currency --.

Re claim 52, first line: Replace “currency” with – item of currency --.

Re claim 53, last line: Replace “memory” with – memory; wherein the memory
comprises machine-readable information including data of plural transaction in which the item of
currency was previously used. –

Re claims 56, 58, and 60 (line 2 of each claim): Replace “currency” with – item of
currency --.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3-21, and 53-62 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach the limitations of the independent claims, including that the secure document is a secure item of currency that includes data of plural transaction sin which the secure document was previously used, stored in the memory of the currency (re claim 10, that the item of currency stores authentication information indicating whether a radio frequency reader device is authorized to communicate with the currency so that data can be read and written to the memory (re claim 10), that the item of currency has a security module attached to the fabric comprising a memory storing information about the currency and an ink reservoir which releases

ink when the secure module receives a predetermined command (re claim 19), and the item of currency has a memory comprising machine readable information including data of plural transactions in which the currency was previously used (re claim 53).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

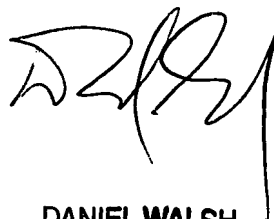
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure (See PTO-892), specifically noting that Moskowitz et al. (US 5,528,222) teaches a passport, but not an item of currency, comprising storing machine readable information of plural transaction in which the secure document was previously used, and US 2004/0233040 teaches that controller 4a of the document accesses circuit 4f to determine if the reader can access the document, but does not teach the document is a currency.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel I. Walsh whose telephone number is (571) 272-2409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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